

# THE EARLIEST COMEDY.

It was played at Athens by the First Tragic Actors.

The first recorded comedy was played at Athens, B. C. 578, when Socrates and Plato, the earliest traveling actors, performed a comedy of Socrates' composition on a movable stage mounted on four wheels. The new form of play was so successful that the actors were rewarded by the grateful populace with a case of wine and a basket of figs.

Socrates belonged to Megaris, a state of ancient Greece, whose inhabitants were celebrated for their coarse humor and who, in their villages during the evenings, were wont to hold what they called a *komos*; really a revel, in which impropriety acting, coupled with buffoonery, played a considerable part. From this word we have our comedy.

In England the old miracle plays degenerated very early into what but for their religious associations were mere farces, but the first purely English comedy was one by Udall, an assistant master at Eton, and subsequently head master of Westminster school. It was entitled "Ralph Roister-Doister" and seems to have been performed in London about 1557, being published in 1596, ten years after its author's death.

**Editor Versus Lawyer.**

A lawyer in a courtroom may call a man a liar, scoundrel, villain or thief, and no one makes a complaint when court has adjourned. If a newspaper prints such reflections on a man's character there is a libel suit or a dead editor. And this is owing to the fact that people believe what an editor says; what a lawyer says cuts no figure. Rount County (Calo.) Courier.

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A gown is no better than its lining. That means that clothes are like houses. They must have the best of foundations if they are to present a good appearance.

White waists and dresses that have turned yellow from lying too long or from careless washing may often be restored to their original whiteness by dipping in boiling water in which some cream of tartar is dissolved, then rinsing thoroughly.

A woman whose wardrobe includes a number of gowns in delicate hues keeps these dainty frocks in a large closet set apart especially for them. The dress skirts and silk petticoats are folded in wide bars of white or cream cotton goods.

**At the Top of the Ladder.**

A woman whose acquaintance with the methods and opportunities of work in a modern newspaper office is of the slightest was talking to a friend about her son's start in life. The young man had just left college and had secured a position as reporter on one of the important New York dailies in the humble capacity which is the usual lot of the "cub" journalist, that of a police court reporter. His mother was enthusiastic over his good fortune.

"Do you know," she exclaimed "they've given him such a splendid position. He's the crime editor at the police court!"—Harper's Weekly.

# BRUTALLY TORTURED.

A case came to light that for persistence and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golobick, of Colusa, Cal., writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me, though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Stone & Mercer and Frank G. Bland, Druggists.

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Miss Pearl Modispaugh has opened a restaurant and ice cream parlor on Monticello avenue, at No. 316. She invites the patronage of all. apr13-tf.

**FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE**  
For health drink Francis mineral water. It is pure and all good physicians recommend it. jun7-tf.

# Sweet Melody Flour.

# THE ENGLISH TAILOR.

**He Used to Be Humble, but Now He Is a Haughty Vampire.**

Of late, he is noted, the tailor has become quite an unreasonable and gratuitous drain on all men's purses. Formerly you were his patron. He was very civil and gave you unintermittent opportunities for seeing the top of his head and the back of his neck. He rubbed his hands and crawled before you for 5 guineas a suit. If you paid any time before the death of the senior partner in his business he bowed you to your equipage and said in his heart that you were a great gentleman.

Today he is a vampire, he sucks your blood, he walks erect, he chooses cloth for you, you must have what he tells you to have, his terms are cash on delivery, his credit will last you six months, and as often as not he is a member of your friend's club.

He is the person who makes you or mars you. With his bit of songstone he can turn you out just so or not just so. Be civil to him, I advise you. You are only a poor, soppy, brainless, driving miscal of a man. If you be not well dressed you will become a wreck, a hulk, a derelict, a castaway on the misty shores of business and society.—London Gentlewoman.

**Got It.**

"Fact is," said the one man, "I married because I was lonely as much as for any other reason. To put it tersely, I married for sympathy."

"Well," said the other man, "you have it."

**Stock Raising for Profit.**

The south is rapidly coming to the front as a stock raising country for profits. You can learn how northern stock raisers located along the Illinois Central R. R. are getting rich in this business by writing for FREE descriptive matter and particulars to E. A. RICHTER, T.P.A., Ill. Cent. R. R. 512 PARK BUILDING, PITTSBURG, PA. jan29wtf.

# CHILDREN'S AILMENTS.

**Contagious Diseases and the Signs That Proclaim Them.**

Whooping cough develops slowly, and for several days it is no different from an ordinary cough due to a cold in the lungs. Then suddenly the cough becomes more violent and lasts longer, with that characteristic catching of the breath and redness of the face.

Diphtheria is characterized by a sore throat and a swelling of the glands of the neck, with white specks on the tonsils. It should always be treated by the best medical skill obtainable.

Scarlet fever is most contagious during the height of the disease and during the period of desquamation—that is, when the cuticle separates in small scales. The first symptoms are vomiting, a sore throat and a high fever. The eruption appears first on the neck and chest and then covers the entire body. This disease may be carried by well people in their clothing or it can be conveyed by the clothing of the patient.

Measles is a serious disease on account of frequently accompanying bronchitis or pneumonia. It is most severe in children under five years. The disease can be conveyed from the earliest stage—the catarrhal symptoms. It is less contagious after the eruption disappears.

Chicken pox appears gradually, first in the form of pimples all over the face, scalp and body. There is irritation of the skin, but little fever. This is, like measles and whooping cough, a very contagious disease.—New Idea Magazine.

# THE ONION CURE.

**A Remedy Which is Claimed to Be Infallible in Pneumonia.**

This remedy, which is claimed to be infallible, was formulated many years ago by a well known physician in New England, who never lost a patient by this disease. Take six or ten onions, according to size, and chop fine. Put in a large spider over a hot fire, adding about the same quantity of rye meal and vinegar to form a stiff paste. Stir thoroughly and simmer five or ten minutes. Put into a cotton bag large enough to cover the lungs and apply to the chest just as hot as the patient can bear it. In about ten minutes change the poultice, and thus continue reheating and applying, and in a few hours the patient will be out of danger. And just here a word of caution. In applying this or any other hot poultice care must be exercised not to let the patient get chilled during the changing process. Have the hot one all ready to go on before the cooling one is removed, and make the exchanges so swiftly and deftly that there is not a moment's exposure of the body surface, which becomes exceedingly sensitive to a chill.

**Yellow and White Bedroom.**

For the wall have white paper decorated with large yellow roses and the ceiling covered with a white moire paper to continue down the wall about two feet and finished where the drop ceiling ends with a narrow white molding. To cover the floor any light carpet may be used, or, for summer, matting will be found clean and cool. The dressing table and chairs should be white, and either a white or a brass bedstead could be used. The pretty flowered muslin spread for the bed should be made with ruffles, and ruffled white lawn curtains should be tied with large bows of yellow satin ribbon hung at the windows. A pretty cushion for pins is made in the shape of a large yellow rose. This makes a dainty room for a young girl.

**Recreating His Phases.**

"It's curious that women are never great poets or great musicians," said Mr. Meekton.

"What did you say?" asked his wife.

"I was merely remarking that women are too sensible to surrender their energies on poetry and music to the extent that some men do."—Washington Globe.

# TRUE BLUE.

**First Used as a Political Term by Scotch Presbyterians.**

Blue is an emblem of fidelity, and in Britain for several centuries it has been so esteemed. Coventry was formerly famous for a blue dye that would neither change its color nor wash out, and thence the epithets "Coventry blue" and "true blue" were figuratively used to signify persons who would not change their party or principles on any consideration.

"True blue" is said to have been first used as a political term by the Presbyterians of Scotland against the Episcopal church. Butler, in "Hudibras," speaking of his hero, says:

"For he was of that stubborn crew, Right Presbyterian true blue."

Fox, we are told, wore in the house of commons a blue frock coat, and in expression "a true blue Whig" was in common use in his time, though, as a writer puts it, "blue must not be set down as a emblematic of fidelity because this color was formerly adopted by the Tories."—London Telegraph.

# PERMANENT MAGNETS.

**The Simplest Way of Magnetizing a Bar of Steel.**

The simplest way of magnetizing a bar of steel is that known as "single touch." The bar to be magnetized is laid on the table and the pole of a powerful magnet is rubbed from ten to twenty times along its length always in the same direction. If the north pole of the magnet is employed the end of the bar first touched will also be end, at which the magnet is lifted before returning, will be a south pole.

There are other and more complicated methods, known as "divided touch" and "double touch," in which two and even four magnets are employed.

A steel bar can also be magnetized by placing it within a coil of insulated wire, through which a galvanic current is circulating. The magnetism induced in this way, however, is weak compared with that which can be procured if the same strength of current is employed through the intervention of an electro-magnet.

**Why Englishmen Like Punch.**

Mr. Sydney Brooks, writing in Harper's Weekly, gives some of the reasons why Punch has so strong a hold on the affections of the British public and why it fails to appeal to Americans. The great virtue of Punch, he says, is its seriousness, in which opinion there will be many on this side of the water to agree with him. The great fault of the American comic papers, it appears, is that they are not serious enough. They are always making jokes. Punch, on the other hand, escapes these mistakes, "because it is really not a humorous, but a critical journal. The American comic paper is like the professional funny man at a party. You listen and laugh for a while and then you want to murder him."

**Many John Smiths.**

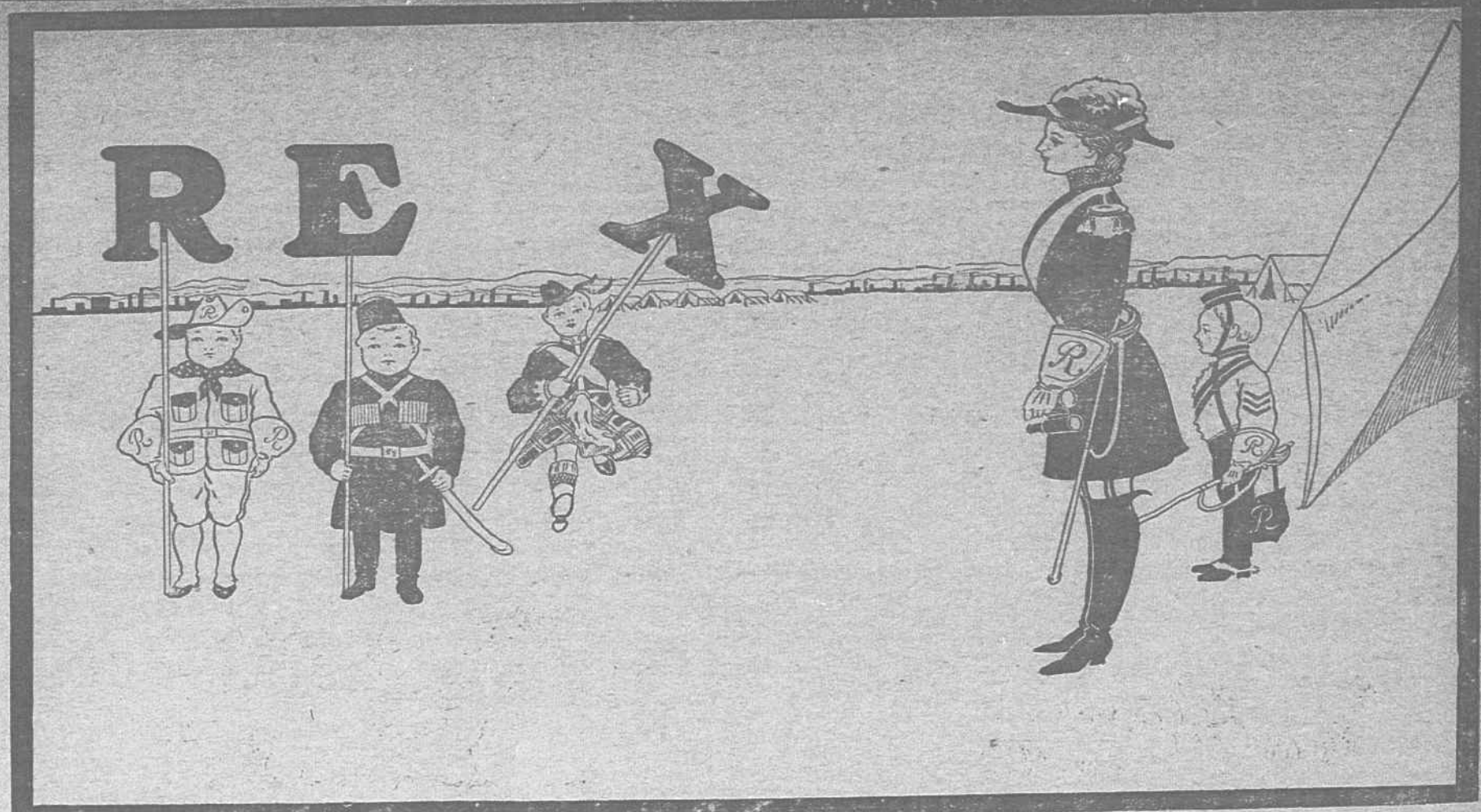
In Latin John Smith is Johannes Smith; in Italian, Giovanni Smith; in French, Jean Smith; in Spanish, Juan Smith; in Dutch, Hans Smith; in German, Schmidt; in Greek, Ion Smith; in Polish, Jan Smith; in Welsh, Ithon Smith; in Scotch, Jean Gough; in Russian, Ionoff Skmidtowski; in Chinese, Jahon Shimmitt; in Icelandic, Jahn Smithson; in Mexican, Jonit Smith; in Tuscarora, Ton Qu Smith.

**Opportunities For Good Deeds.**

Remember that if the opportunity for great deeds never comes the opportunity for good deeds is renewed for you day by day. The thing for us to lose for is the goodness, not the glory.—Frederick W. Farrar.

**Mighty Queer.**

"It's mighty queer about families. There's Mrs. O'Shaughnessy. She has no children, and if I remember correctly it was the same with her mother."—Life.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS OF REDUCED FARES

Authorized via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad—Summer Season, 1904.

**Atlantic City and Seashore:**  
Special Low Rate Excursions from all points east of the Ohio River on June 30th, July 14th and 28th, August 11th and 25th, and September 8th.

**Atlantic City, N. J.:**  
Imperial Council, Ancient Order of Mystic Shrine, July 13-15. Very low rates. Tickets on sale July 11th and 12th, good returning until July 23rd, inclusive.

**Boston, Mass.:**  
National Encampment, G. A. R., August 15-20. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 13th to 15th, good returning until August 20th, inclusive.

**Cincinnati, Ohio:**  
Grand Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, July 18-23. One fare plus \$1.00 for round trip. Tickets on sale July 15, 16, 17, good returning until July 23, inclusive.

**Louisville, Ky.:**  
Knights of Pythias, Biennial Encampment, August 10-19. One fare plus \$1.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 12, 13, 14 and 15, good returning until Aug. 31, inclusive.

**San Francisco, Cal.:**  
Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar, September 5-9. One fare for the round trip to Chicago or St. Louis added to fares tendered therefrom (Chicago \$50.00; St. Louis, \$47.50). Dates of sale to be announced later.

**San Francisco, Cal.:**  
Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., September 10-25. One fare for the round trip to Chicago or St. Louis added to fares tendered therefrom (Chicago, \$50.00; St. Louis, \$47.50). Dates of sale to be announced later.

**Toronto, Ont.:**  
Friends' General Conference, August 10-19. One fare plus \$2.00 for round trip. Tickets on sale August 8 to 11, good returning until August 31, inclusive.

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